

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
2. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. David Stitzel on July 17, 2008.
3. The application has been amended as follows:
 - A. At page 1, after the title, the continuing data has been updated as follows:
This application is a 371 of PCT/FR03/02028 filed June 30, 2003.
 - B. Claims 87-99 have been canceled.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

4. Based upon the response filed April 17, 2008, the rejections based upon 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph and non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting over copending application 10/518,382 are withdrawn.
5. Based upon rejoinder practice, the method claims drawn to the nonelected invention are examined with the Group I invention.
6. Applicants preserve the right to file divisional applications drawn to the non-elected subject matter of claims 87-99.
7. Claims 47-88 and 100-104 are allowed.

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8. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Zinna N. Davis whose telephone number is 571-272-0682.

10. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

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